(c) Since Shri Mangal Singh has already taken a patent on his invention, he may get the pump manufactured by some manufacturers for commercialisation, utilising the funds available from financial Institutions/ Banks for such help.

(d) Not applicable.

Minimum procurement price

*478. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for enhancement of minimum procurement price for the farmers for different commodities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, commodity-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) and (b) as per the existing price policy for agricultural commodities, the Governemnt announces each season Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for major agricultural commodities. The prices are duly fixed after taking into account the increases in the cost of cultivation over the period and other relevant factors so as to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers.

Central assistance for Damaged Coconut Plantations

*479. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State of Andhra Pradesh has requested to release Central assistance of Rs. 40 crores to provide relief for damaged coconut plantations and restore the works damaged by severe cyclonic storm on 17th October, 1999 in Srikakulam District; and

(b) if so, by when the funds for relief to farmers of Srikakulam District will be released?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) Yes, Sir.